——————————For with the Year
Seasons return, but not to me return
Day, or the sweet approach of ev'n or Morn,
Or Sight of Vernal Bloom, or Summer's Rose,
Or Flocks, or Herds, or Human Face Divine;
But clouds instead, and ever during Dark
Surround me; from the cheerful Ways of Men
Cut off, and for the Book of Knowledge fair
Presented with a universal Blank. MILTON.

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REPORT

OF THE STATE OF THE

BRISTOL ASYLUM,

FOR THE

INDIGENT BLIND,

IN BRISTOL,

From DECEMBER 31st, 1825, to DECEMBER 31st, 1826.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the BRISTOL ASYLUM for the Blind, held there on MONDAY, the 9th of April, pursuant to a Summons, the Accounts for the year 1826, were examined and approved, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GEORGE THORNE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1826.

Richard Bright, Esq.	Thomas Daniel, Esq.	John S. Harford, Esq.	E. Protheroe, Esq.
Robert Bush, Esq.	Henry Davis, Esq.	John Huythorne, Esq.	Mr. John Ryland
Durbin Brice, Esq.	James George, Esq.	Philip J. Miles, Esq. M. P.	Mr. John Waring
Stephen Cave, Esq.	George Gibbs, Esq.	Mr. Charles Morgan	

Since the last Annual Report, the Committee have to state, that Four Males and Three Females have been admitted into the house, and Two Males and Two Females left.

Twenty five remain in the House usefully employed.

STATE OF THE ACCOUNT, 1826.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from old Account	90	9	7
Cash received for Baskets, Mats, &c.	975	19	2
Dividends on Government Securities	878	4	0
One year's Rent of Eye Institution	20	0	0
A Legacy of the late Mrs. Palmer Clifton	27	0	0
A Fine given by Mr. Burge	5	0	0
Cash taken from the Boxes in the Asylum, for the years 1825, and 1826	20	12	0
Cash received from the different Parishes towards the support of the Blind before instructed in Trade	77	11	6
£1894	16	3	

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Weekly Wages paid the Blind	454	14	3
Cash paid the Blind allowance from their Parishes	83	16	10
Cash from the Boxes in the House for cloathing, for the years 1825 and 1826.	20	12	0
Cash gave the Blind as per will of E. W. for the years 1825, and 1826	20	0	0
Cash paid for Willows this year	269	11	9
Cash paid for sorting and stripping Willows	25	15	9
Cash paid for Rockers, Flower-Stands, Tins, Knives, &c....	11	8	10
Cash paid the Secretary, Master, Man, and Female	233	18	2
Cash paid the Matron, Servant Porter and Gratuities	115	16	0
Cash paid for Coal and Candles ..	24	4	11
Cash paid for Stationery Letters, &c.	10	13	0
Cash paid the Carpenter, Mason, Plumber, Smith, Painter, &c.	99	15	4
Cash for Insurance & Annual Dinner	5	2	8
Cash paid for Sundries	8	15	4
Cost of £500 3 per Cent Reduced ..	308	12	6
Cash, Balance to new account	112	0	11
£1894	16	3	

April 9, Audited by us, HENRY DAVIS,
JAMES GEORGE,

FORM OF A LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. the sum of upon trust, that they pay the same to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a certain charitable Institution in Bristol, known by the name of the Asylum (or School of Industry) for the indigent Blind; which sum I charge upon my personal Estate, and desire it may be applied under the direction of the Committee for the time being, of said Institution, to the charitable uses thereof.

N. B. At the Asylum there are for sale, a variety of Cradles, Common and Market Baskets, as well as Table Mats, and a variety of curious flower Baskets, &c. the work of the Blind.

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